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Shinjiro can't escape the pain of his past. Ever since his mother died, nightmares and visions have been eating away at him. When he finds his long-lost sister, Chirane, the two discover they share more than just a family name. The siblings are cursed with a disease of the blood - a disease that will turn them into vampires! As they resist accepting their fate, Shinjiro and Chirane struggle to contain the craving that is the essence of what they will become ...

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MINGLED among the SWEET
there is a WOLF--

And by his own LOVELY
fangs he is BENT.



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The
memories
I have
of her
are as
faded
as this
photo-
graph.

My
mother.



...she
looks so
terribly
sad.

And
even
though
she's
cradling
my
sister...



HEY, ROSE
AND SHINE,
JACKASS



HEY?

THE BELL
RING,
PEOPLES
DIDNT
YOU
HEAR IT?

SHUFFY
COMEBACK
LET'S GO
GRAB SOME
LOVE.



MAN, YOU
WAST A REER
CHECKER MAY
GOT.

GUESS
NOT.

Thank you
I think I'm safe.









FORGET IT

IT'S OKAY
BE HAPPY
FOR IT. I
I'M SURE
YOU CAN
FIND THE
MOMENT --



NOT
GOING?

IT'S NOT
LIKE YOU
DON'T KNOW
ABOUT MY
FAMILY...



HE MIGHT'VE
BEEN AWFULLY
CLOSE TO
MY DAD...

DON'T
MEAN HE
IS MY DAD



...AND
I DON'T
EVEN
KNOW
HOW

I DON'T
KNOW HOW
HE IS. MY
"DAD"
WOULDN'T SAY
ANYTHING

NOW
LONG'S IT
BEEN SINCE
YOU'VE
SEEN HIM?



I THOUGHT
HE WANTED
TO, LIKE,
ADOPT YOU
AND SHIT?

WHAT?
EVER



WELL, HE'S A
DOCTOR, SO I
GUESS HE'S OFF
SAVING LIVES
SOMEWHERE
RIGHT?

WHAT'S
YOUR
REAL
FIND UP
TO NOW?





HART HOUSE







OH, THAT? I CUT MYSELF WITH A PAINTING KNIFE...



FORBID GLUE SHOWED UP TODAY, RIGHT?



EVEN OUR TEACHER RARELY SHOWS UP.



I USE THAT TO SHARPEN MY FINGERS.





HOW,
THAT'S WHAT
I CALL
RED.



...AND IT
STAINED
EVERYTHING
RED.

I FOUND
SOME OF
THIS PAINT
IN



WHAT
IF YOU
STARTED
OVER
AGAIN?



HOW IT'S
JUST A
BIG MESS.

I GOT IT
'CAUSE IT
WAS SUCH
A BEAUTIFUL
COLOR.



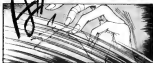
WHO
ARE THE
BOTTLE
AND CAN
SO RED?

WELL, THAT
WAS KIND OF
A MISTAKE.











Do all guys feel that way around blood?



The sight of her blood... felt "wild" looking at it

What got under me?



A SISTER?



Garden - Shikigawa Festival



YOU
MIGHT
NOT
REMEMBER
THIS .



BUT
YOU HAVE
AN OLDER
SISTER
YOUR
FLESH AND
BLOOD.



Shikigawa is a festival for children of the ages 3, 5 and 7. They are dressed in traditional Japanese clothing and taken to the local Shinto shrine. Shikigawa is officially on November 13th, but it is not a national holiday.

UNCLE,
WHERE IS
SHE NOW?



YOU HAD
YOUR
FATHER WAS
WORRIED
ABOUT YOUR
SISTER'S
HEALTH



SHE LIVED
WITH YOUR
FATHER
SHE WAS
A VERY ILL
CHILD

YOU HAVE NO
FOCUS WHEN
YOUR MOTHER
FIRST KNEW
YOUR FATHER
DON'T THINK
HE COULD
CARE BOTH
OF YOU
ESPECIALLY
WITH YOUR
SISTER BEING
SO ILL



MY-
MY FATHER





Father,
Mother...
I remember
that old
house.

We were
a family
till I was
three.

Unless my
parents
were
around.

The
thought of
a strange
person
asleep in
our house.

And
the hell
out of
me.

I
remember a
girl always
asleep in
that back
room.

They
told me
to never
go near
her.

We had
this big
veranda.

And
a well
in the
back-
yard.





WHAT ABOUT
YOU?



I'LL STAY
AROUND
FOR A BIT

I WONNA
PICK UP
A NEW
CARPET



MAYBE
YOU SHOULD
GO HOME,
GET SOME
REST

SURE
YOU'RE
RIGHT



KAZUNA-KUN,
YOU FEEL
ALRIGHT?

PEOPLE
HAVE
DREAMS
LIKE THAT
WHEN
THEY'RE
SICK



WELL...

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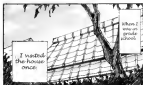
WELL,
KAZUNA

LATER
THEN



WELL I
SEE YOU
TOMORROW?





I visited
the house
once.

When I
was in
grade school.



It was
abandoned,
not a sign
that we'd
ever lived
there, and
the garden
had grown
wild.



Our old
house...

I wonder
if it's still
around.



I remember
thinking
it was all
because my
dad had
run off.



I remember
feeling like
Dad had just
thrown me
away.









THANKS!!!



The sign's still there



The lantern's been moved



WHAT THE--?



That's weird...













That
is my
sister?

Is that
the girl
in the
picture?







THIS IS FUCKING
KIDS!

DOY
FIGHT
ANYBODY
TELL
ME??



TELL
ME
WHAT?!



DIRTY
THEY TELL
YOU?



WHAT
STAY
IT
WAS
TAY?



GO,
DOY
FIGHT
IT?



THAT'S REALLY
STRANGE UNCL
THEY KNOW ALL
ABOUT IT



HE'S
JUST LIKE A
STEAMER
TO ME
KNOW WHAT?
I DON'T
EVEN CARE
HE'S DEAD.

I'VE BEEN
LIVING WITH
UNCLE SINCE
MY WHOLE
LIFE...

I CAN'T EVEN
REMEMBER
DAD'S FACE



UNCLE SINCE
TREATED ME
LIKE A SON.



HE THREW
ME OUT.
ANYWAY,
LIKE
GARBAGE.



AND YOU
COMING BACK
TO THIS
PLACE..

WHY DON'T
ANYBODY
TELL ME?

SO WHY
DON'T HE
TELL ME
ABOUT DAD?



WHAT'S
EVERYBODY
KEEPING
FROM ME?

WHAT'RE
THEY
TRYING
TO HIDE?



BUT I
STOPPED
HIM...

THIS IS
WHERE OUR
FAMILY'S
MEMORIES
ARE



HE LEFT
AND NEVER
CAME
BACK

BUT MOTHER'S
PRESENCE
HERE IS
STRONG
FATHER
COULDN'T
TAKE IT



OUR
FATHER
WANTED
TO SELL
THIS
HOUSE



FATHER
DON'T
ABANDON
YOU

HE DIDN'T
HATE YOU,
YOU KNOW



THE
WIND'S
PIED
DOWN





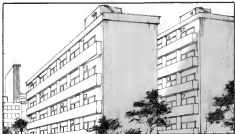


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MY
AUNTIE WIG
UP EARLY
TODAY?



WITH A
LOT OF
CREAM



I COULDN'T
SLEEP A
WINK

WANT
SOME
COFFEE?



WHAT ABOUT
UNCLE SHIN?



HE'S STILL
IN BED
IT'S HIS
DAY OFF.



MOORE,
AUNT
KATSUKO

I HAD
BREAKFAST







KAZUMA...



I MIGHT
BE LATE

OKAY,
SEE YOU LATER

SHIN AND I
ARE EATING
OUT TONIGHT.



OH? I
SHOULD
GO...



YOU DON'T
HAVE TO WASTE
UP YOUR MIND
RIGHT NOW
THINK ABOUT
IT, OKAY?

BUT... WE'RE
THINKING
WE'D LIKE TO
ADOPT YOU.

I WAS
GOING TO
BUY IT BY
SHIN THIS
EVENING...





WE ARE
VAMPIRES,
YOU AND I.



I PLEDGED YOU
AS BEYOND THE
SECOND I HAD
YOU! NOW GET
THE SPIDER ACT,
WILL YOU?



I'M NOT
LYING TO
YOU!



QUIT YOUR
BULLSHIT!!
YOU'RE
WRACKED.
AREN'T YOU?

ANSWER
ME!



MM H...

GUESS
I HAD THAT
COMING FOR
BEING HONEST.



...BUT, BY THE
LOOK ON YOUR
FACE, I DOUBT
EVEN THAT
WOULD CONVINCE
YOU



WELL,
I COULD GIVE YOU
A DEMONSTRATION
A SHED OF MY
VAMPIRISM



IF A PART OF
YOUR BLOOD
ISNT
MONITORED
REGULARLY,
THE EFFECT'S
CAN BE
TERRIBLE.

LISTEN
IT'S AN
INHISTED
BLOOD
DISEASE.



IT IS
I WIFE
BECAUSE I
HAVE TO

TROUBLE
IS
THERE'S
NOWHERE
TO HIDE



IS THAT
WHY YOU
WIFE?

THIS
DISEASE
IS IT
SERIOUS?



THAT'S
THE CURSE
OF BEING A
VAMPIRE.



OUR ANCESTORS
LEFT HUMANITY
LONG AGO
HANDICAPING THE
WHELP, TO SATISFY
THEIR HUNGER

YOU CAN
CARE THINGS
THAT AS
YOUR BODY,
BUT —



YOU
BEGIN
CRAVING
BLOOD.



THIS IS
DIFFERENT
IT'S
MYSTICIOUS
IT'S IN THE
BLOOD IT'S
IN THE SOUL





HAVE
A GREAT
DAY OFF.



YES?



OH,
DEAR.

IF NOTHING
I'M LEAVING



TELL ME
WHAT'S THE
MATTER,
KAZUHA?



HAVE YOU HAD
ANY CONTACT
WITH MY FATHER
RECENTLY?

UNCLE









What the hell is her deal?

That girl's dad.

Or
maybe...



EATARA,
FATHER
DON'T
HATE
YOU

HE
DON'T
HATE
YOU,
YOU
KNOW



There
again.

She and
my dad
are old
friends, but
he never
talks
about him.

for a
hour

I
never
took
Uncle
Edo.



HOW DID
YOU GET FROM THAT
BLOOD
DISEASE?

90

HER BODY
AND SOUL
JUST COULDN'T
HANDLE IT
ANYMORE

SHE
DID







BUT THEN
WE WERE
SEPARATED
BEFORE I EVEN
KNEW I HAD
A BROTHER

WE LIVED
IN THIS
HOUSE
FOR THREE
YEARS

IT'S TRUE.
YOU KNOW
MY BROTHER
AND SISTER
WHOVE
FOUND EACH
OTHER.

SO, WE'RE
PERFECT
STRANGERS,
YOU AND I,
AREN'T WE?



A
CHANCE TO
LEAVE BEHIND
ALL YOU KNOW
WOULDN'T YOU
SEEK THAT?

WHAT'S IT
GONNA
BE, KAZUMA?
THIS IS YOUR
CHANCE.



THE
BEST IS
BT TO
YOU

I'M GOING
TO TELL YOU
EVERYTHING.



FATHER
THOUGHT YOU
WERE FREE
FROM THE
DREAM. SO
HE SAVED YOU
AWAY—
GAVE YOU A
NORMAL LIFE,
BUT ...

... BUT HE DIDN'T
GIVE ME THAT
KIND OF LOVE.



SO,
GO HOME
AND NEVER
COME BACK.

I AM A
VAMPIRE.

YOU
ARE
NOT
SAFE
HERE.



WELL THEN,
WHAT'S IT
GOING TO
BE?

THIS CON-
VERSATION
IS OVER,
CHIZUNA.



YOU WANTED
ANSWERS,
RIGHT YOU?

NOW YOU
KNOW WHY
FATHER LEFT
YOU AND
THIS HOUSE
BEHIND.





WAIT,
THAT DIDN'T
COME OUT
RIGHT..

LEHME
TRY THAT
AGAIN



HELL, KAZUMA,
ARE YOU GOING
HOME SOON?



WHAT'RE YOU
DOING HERE,
ALL ALONE?

GUUU
I JUST
SPACED
OUT ..



NO-NO,
PLEASE DON'T
KAZUMA-KUN,
WOULD YOU, UM,
FORGIVE ME?



UM
I GGGGG
I COULD
LEAVE ..







That girl
was color-
less.

She
looked
like a
ghost.

She was
so pale,
I could
almost
see right
through
her.

It's all
a bunch
of lies
anyway -
it's gotta
be.

Gotta
put it
out of
my mind.



KAZUHA?

ARE YOU TIRED?
DO YOU WANNA
TAKE A BREAK?

YEAH?

YOU'LL COME
TOMORROW,
WON'T YOU?

I'M
ALRIGHT,
IT'S
JUST...

I'LL STAY
WITH YOU
UNTIL YOU
FINISH YOUR
PAINTING

IS IT
GETTING
LATER?

NO,
I-I'M
OKAY



SO EASY
TO TALK
TO

KAZUYA

YOU SEEM
SO FREE...



THERE WASN'T
EVEN MUCH
BLOOD, AND
YOU ALMOST
PASSED OUT.

IT WAS
SWEET
IN A WAY
I WAS
SENSITIVE
GUYS...



BETTER?

SOMEHOW?
YOU WERE
PRETTY OK
YESTERDAY



OH...
THAT'S
RIGHT...



YOU LOOK
A LITTLE
BETTER
TODAY



DESCENDANTS OF
VAMPIRES...







*YOU ARE
NOT SAFE
HERE.*

*I AM A
VAMPIRE.*







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What's
happening
to me?
Doesn't feel
real

GOT PIZZY
IT'S
PASSING
NOW



THE
PERCENTAGE
OF THE
TAKAMIKOS
AND
VAMPIRES



BUT HE
TOOK ME
WITH HIM
WHEN I
WAS JUST
A BABY

YOU DESERVE
MORE OF OUR
ATTENTION
SO FATHER
LEFT YOU
TAK AMAR



NOW TRAGIC.
WE'RE
FATHERS AND
SISTER
AND HAVE
ABSOLUTE
STRATEGIES



IT WAS ALL
TO PROTECT
YOU FROM ME.
UNDERSTAND?
FATHER MUST
HATE YOU



WE ARE
VAMPIRES,
YOU AND I



I AM A
VAMPIRE



YOU
ARE NOT
SAFE
HERE



GO AWAY
YOU'LL NEVER
COME BACK

BEHOLD,
NONE OF
THIS MEANS
ANYTHING
TO YOU

No...
it can't be!





YOU
WOULD
REALLY
SEE A
DOCTOR,
YOU
KNOW

KAZUHA-KUN,
YOU LOOK
PALE... PALE!
THAN YOU DID
BEFORE.



BETTER,
I THINK

I'M SORRY,
KAZUHA-KUN,
FOR WORRYING
YOU



YOU
PASSED
OUT
ON THE
TABLE

HOW DO
YOU FEEL?



.....
OKAY



DO YOU
HAVE A
POCKET?



NO, I'M
FINE!
REALLY









What's wrong with me?

I'm going to pieces here



God, it's hopeless to control it

If everything that got said is true...



I've got to find out



What the hell is coming over me?



高城















NO TIME
FOR TEA
LET'S
MAKE
THIS
QUICK

I'M
EXPECTING
VISITORS
TONIGHT



AM...



WHAT I
NEED TO
KNOW IS
WELL...

.....



WHO
IS SICK
WITH THIS
DYING
ENDS
OF...?

...THEN
MOTHER,
YOU,
EVERYBODY
IN OUR
FAMILY...

IF WHAT
YOU TOLD
ME IS
TRUE...



WE'RE ALL
AS GOOD
AS DEAD.

DEEP INSIDE,
YOU KNOW
THE ANSWER.

.....



I'VE SEEN
PEOPLE LOSE
THEIR MINDS
TO IT

THE MIND
MAY BE STRONG,
BUT THE FLESH IS WEAK



THE SUFFERING IS HORRIBLE—
HARD HAVE
THEMSELVES
TO BE FREE
OF IT

OTHERS
STRAGGLE
WITH IT, BUT
THEY ARE SO
WEAKENED
THAT THEY
FINALLY
SURRENDER
TO OTHER
DYNASTIES



YOU FEEL FIZZY
AND HEAK—
LIKE YOU'RE
AREING THIN
IT SHALLOWS
YOU UP LIKE
A TSUNAMI!

AND BLOOD—
JUST THE
SIGHT OF IT...
FEELS YOU
MAD WITH
LUST.

THE FIRST
SIGNS ARE
UNMISTAKABLE



HAPPINESS
AND DEATH.

THE
LAST
THING
IS
ALWAYS
THE
SAME...



SHE WAS RIGHT.
IF HE HAD A CLUE
FOR THE BODY,
WOULDN'T THESE
OTHER HORRIBLE
LIES GO AWAY?



SHE USED
TO SAY, "IF
ONLY I HAD
A CLUE FOR
JUST MY
BODY..."

MOTHER
MADE
UP HER
MIND TO
FIGHT IT.



...ONLY
SAYS
POWER
OVER
YOU. IT
DEFEATS
YOU.

MOST OF
US CAN'T
RESIST IT.



I DON'T
KNOW...

A CLUE,
AS YOU CALL
IT, MAY BE
AN EMERGENCY
AND
HEARDING,
THE PLEASE.



MODERN
MEDICINE IS
USELESS

BEIDES,
NOBODY CAN
REALLY
SEE ANYTHING
WRONG WITH YOU
DOCTORS ARE
BLIND TO IT



EVEN
WITH
ALL OUR
POWER?

CAN'T
MEDICINE
DO
ANYTHING?



WE ARE
DANGEROUS
CREATURES.
PREDATORS

IN OTHER
WORDS...



SO...



DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND
WHY?

YOU SEE,
IT'S WISEST
TO HIDE OUR
SECRET FROM
THE WORLD



YOU ARE
POWERLESS IN
ITS SPELL. A
DESIRE LIVES
WITHIN YOU,
KAZUNA. AN
IRRESISTIBLE
DESIRE

YOU WILL...
IN TIME.



SHADING OF EVERYONE
ORIGIN OF OUR
EXISTENCE

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
THEY
WOULD
DO TO
US?

THE TAKASHIRO ARE AMONG THE ELITEST
THOUGH I THINK
HE WOULD ONLY DO
PEOPLE BUT AS WE
RECEIVE HEALTHY
FROM BURNING AND
TRAPS, WE'VE TAKEN
OVER US - OUR HOUSE.
IF ANYONE WANTED
THE TAKASHIRO FELL
INTO RAP IDENTITY

IT PROBABLY
WOULDN'T
SURPRISE
YOU THAT OUR
WOMEN HAD
AFFAIRS WITH
MANY POWERFUL
HOMESMEN



A GREAT WAR
STARTED SOON
AFTER THAT,
AND THE
TAKASHIRO
HOUSE FELL
FOREVER INTO
RUIN



SHE TOOK
VERY IL SOON
AFTERWARDS
AND HAD
ISOLATED TO
PREVENT HIS
DISHONOR

THE STORY
GOES THAT
ONE OF OUR
WOMEN BECAME
INVOLVED WITH
A MYSTERIOUS
HOMELAND



WHEN YOU
TRAVEL
IN OUR
ANCESTRAL
LANDS,
KATANA
PEOPLE
SHAKE
FEEL US
WITH
FEAR.

THE LL
ONE
INJECTED
OTHERS
THE HORROR
THEY HAD
WAS
FORGOTTEN
BY
PEOPLE



you...

YOU'RE VERY
FRAGMATIC.



IF EVERYONE
KNOW OUR
SECRET, I
COULD NOT
HELP YOU.

I WOULD ONLY
BE ABLE TO
FEND FOR
MYSELF.





WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?



I CAN'T DO
THIS ALONE.

AND
COMING
HERE
WAS THE
ANSWER.







AND IT'S JUST
ABOUT SCHOOL
OR HIS FUTURE.
HE WON'T
APPEAR HERE
LIKE A GUEST
AND TALK
OF HIS
STRUGGLES.

HE'S
HIDING
SOMETHING
ELSE FROM
US, SHIN.



THAT POSE BOY'S
STILL HELPING
OUT FOR HIS
FATHER.



HE'S
STILL
TRYING
TO SORT
OUT HIS
MEMORIES.

YOU AND I
HAVE BEEN
TALKING
ABOUT HER
MAYBE ONLY
BETWEEN

WE'RE STILL
ONLY HIS
GUARDIANS



AND
I MAY
LIVE TO
REGRET
IT.

IT'S
THESE TWO
LEFT HIS
FATHER'S
DEATH
FROM HIM.



I DON'T
WANT THIS
CHANGE
ANYMORE.

I WANT
TO BE
THE BOY'S
MOTHER.



IT WOULD
TEAR ME APART
IF HE KNEW.
I THINK HE
SHOULD KNOW
THE PAST
AND NEVER
MENTION IT.

AND IF HE
STARTS ASKING
QUESTIONS
ABOUT HIS
FAMILY'S
PAST?



I WOULD
KNOWING
WAS THE
FINAL STEP
ON THAT.
PLEASE







WHEN IT'S
TOO MUCH TO BEAR,
DRINK IT



TAKE
THIS



WHEN YOU
TAKE IT, DO
NOT LET A
PROF TOUCH
YOUR HAND

AND
DRINK
ONLY A
LITTLE

YES
IN A
MOM



IS IT
MEDICINE?



WH-WHAT
KIND OF
MEDICINE
IS THIS?



AN OLD
MAGIC

IS THAT
YOUR
VISITOR?

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YES,
HE'S A
BOYER
OF SORTS

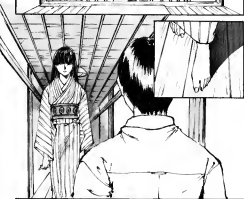
WHY,
HELLO



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YOUNGER BROTHER?

I'M KADURA,
HER YOUNGER BROTHER.

THIS IS
MINAGE-SAN,
AN OLD
FRIEND OF
FATHER'S.

MY YOUNGER
BROTHER WITH
WHOM I'VE
HAP BEEN
A MEANINGFUL
LITTLE CHAT

YES-

I'LL LEAVE
YOU TWO
ALONE

YES,
IT'S LATE
MONT YOUR AUNT
AND UNCLE BE
WORRIED?

RETURNED





I can
feel it.

But
another
part
has
just
come
alive.

What
came
over
me
in
the
rest
room.

Some
sort
of
interac-
tional
meal.

THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH,
KAGURA

WE
HERE
WELCOME

I'M
HOME.

Those
urges
she
talked
about.

I
know
what
it
is.

If
these
two
found
out .

all
the
things
that
I'm
feeling.

IF
YOU'RE
HUNGRY,
I'VE
MADE
DINNER

9-SIDED,
ANYWAY-
SHE
I WAS
AT AN
ART CLUB
MEETING

It
was
exactly
like
she
said.



...the
daughter
he left...

About
Dad's
death
and...



If I told
them all
that, what
would they
think of me
then?

And if they
knew how
much our
family was
hated and
feared...



CADUUP?

Uncle
was
Dad's
best
friend...
...but
that still
doesn't
make
trusting
him very
easy...



OF
COURSE,
I AM

JUST
TRIP
IS ALL



YOU'RE
FEEL
ACTING SO
STRANGE
LATELY

AND YOU
LOOK SO
FINE. ARE
YOU SURE
YOU'RE
SURE?

OH...
7-
YEAR?







A GIRL
NAMED
YAGASHI.



DON'T
MENTION IT.
OH, SOMEONE
CALLED FOR
YOU.

OH,
YEAH?



THANKS
FOR FINISHING.
ALRIGHT
RATSUO.



BUT SHE
SOUNDED
SERIOUS
AND A BIT
NERVOUS.

SHE
SAID IT
WASN'T
URGENT.



OF
COURSE

CAN I
USE THE
PHONE?





HOW MUCH MORE?



THAT KID WHO WAS JUST HERE, SAID HE WAS YOUR BROTHER.

HE DOESN'T REALLY REMIND YOU, DOES HE?



WE'RE ALMOST THERE.

THIS ALWAYS TAKES SO LONG.



HE LOOKS MORE LIKE FATHER.



...IF HE'D EVER SEE HIS BOY AGAIN.

YOUR FATHER USED TO WHIPPLE ALL THE TIME.



SAVED MY LIFE WHEN I HAD A BOY. I WOULDN'T BE A DOCTOR IF IT WEREN'T FOR HIM.

HE HAD A BRILLIANT DOCTOR.



THAT'S ALL BEHIND US NOW, RIGHT?

YOU HERE LIKE A SON TO HIM, YOU KNOW.



I OVER
SOMETHING
TO MY
FATHER TOO,
YOU KNOW

HOW FAR
WOULD YOU
GO FOR A MAN
WHO SAVED
YOUR LIFE?



BUT
THERE ARE
OTHERS
WHO NEED
YOU. WHY
CAN'T YOU
SEE THAT?

YOU
WERE
CLOSE
TO YOUR
FATHER, I KNOW

KEEPING YOU
ALIVE WAS A
CHOICE I MADE,
CHIZURA



WHY DIDN'T
YOU LET ME
GO WITH HIM?

WHEN
FATHER
DIED...



YES...
I'M
UNDEAD

MY FATHER
KEEPT ME,
MYSELF

YOU KEEP ME
ALIVE LIKE THIS
BETWEEN LIFE
AND DEATH



*I'M NOT
YOUR
FATHER...*

*IT'S NOT
JUST YOUR
FATHER
WHO
NEEDED
YOU*

*AND YOU
KNOW HOW
PRECIOUS
YOU
ARE TO ME!*







EVER SINCE THAT DAY...



BUT
WHERE WOULD
YOU BE
IF I DIDN'T
GIVE IT
TO YOU?



NOW BEING
KIDNAPED.
HESITANT I
WAS KEPTED TO
TASTE YOUR
BLOOD? THE
MURDERER WAS
MINE.



PULL
THE PEOPLE
OUT.



...I'VE
KEEPT
YOU.





TAGE...



... HE'S A
TAKASHIRO.

MEADRE...



YOU DON'T
THINK I
SHOULD'VE
GIVEN HIM
THE BOTTLE?

HE'S
SHOWING
THE SIGNS
ALREADY?

I COULD
SLURP
AS MUCH.



I DON'T
CARE. YOU
NEED TO
ARRANGE TO
GET ENOUGH
FOR BOTH
OF US.



THAT
STUFF DON'T
EXACTLY LEGAL,
CHIZUNA.

YOU TOLD
KAZURA
EVERYTHING?

YES

I DON'T
THINK HE
UNDERSTANDS
EVERYTHING
YET.

THE DAY HE
CAME HERE,
HE DIDN'T HAVE
THE FAINTEST
CLUE ABOUT WHAT
HE WAS GOING
THROUGH.

HE MIGHT
STILL BE HOLDING
OUT HOPS
UNTIL YESTERDAY
HE THOUGHT HE
WAS STILL A
NORMAL KID.

KNOWING
NOTHING OF
HIS FAMILY,
KAZURA
HAD LIVED A
BITTER LIFE.

SO...

HE WAS
SPENT.

I TOLD HIM
HIS PARENTS
WERE BOTH
DEAD — THAT I
WAS ALL THAT
SURVIVED OF
HIS PAST.

PIP, I HAVE
ANY OTHER
CHOICES?

I
HAD TO
DECIDE
QUICKLY
HOW TO
KEEP HIM
SAFE.

WHEN I REALIZED
HOW
MUCH THE
SLAYERS
WAS WOP
OF HIM.



STAY OUT
OF IT,
CHIZUNA

IT'S HIS AND
HIS FAMILY'S
PROBLEM
NOW

YOU TOLD HIM
EVERYTHING
NOW LEAVE THE
REST UP TO HIM



THAT SERUM JUST
TAKEN THE SPIN OFF
THE BLOOD IS STILL
WAITING THE ANSWER
IS A ANSWER UP TO
ME, AND I'M THE ONLY
ONE WHO'S ACTUALLY
STUDYING IT AND
LOOKING FOR A CURE



AFTER ALL,
HE'S GOT
HIS FATHER'S
LOOKS

BUT I CAN'T
KEEP FROM
SEEING HIM



I WON'T
GET
INVOLVED...















*I remember
you in my
dreams...*



*The
strange
storage
house...*

*That
came after
me in her
dreams...*





I felt
safe
in her
warm-
breast.



But I
was a
little
angry...

It was like
being held
by my
mother.



Because my
waking life
Chigasaki is
never that
kind.



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*I thought
it was Mom
at first, but it
was Chihiro...
so beautiful...
beckoning me.*

*What a
strange
dream.*

*Her eyes
pulling me
into her.
I couldn't
resist them.*

*They
burned
like fire...
while
Mom's eyes
always
seemed so
cold and
distant.*





What
else is
new...







*How long
can I
go on
with this
pointless
routine?*



*But
I'm so
different
now.*



*I know
my darkest
urges now.
They'll
surface
again for
sure.*









OH, PEAR,
I RAN INTO THIS
PUPE, TARAKA,
TOPAZ



I MEAN,
HOW DID IT
TURN ALL
RED LIKE
THIS?



THAT WAS
MY SISTER!



YOU'RE A RUP
FOR AGENT
YOU? IT'S COMING
IN FURRY TO
GET KILLING
FROM DEATH
ABOUT IT!

YOU'RE
JOPPIN'
YOU DON'T
HAVE A
SISTER!

YOU BETTER
KEEP YOUR
MOUTH
SHUT!



HE TOLD ME
HE SAW YOU
GO HOME WITH
SOME GORGON,
WOLF-EARED
PAIL YESTERDAY
WHAT'S THE DEAL?





WAS PAPA
MEANT
YOU GUYS
RIGHT?



DOUBT IT



IF YOU'RE
GONNA BE
WY ABOUT
IT, I'LL PROB
YOU THERE
MYSELF!

KAZUMA-
KUN'S
WAITING
FOR YOU,
ISN'T HE?



YESTERDAY,
WHILE HE WAS
MODELING FOR ME,
HE PASSED OUT.

NO, BUT...
KAZUMA'S
FEEN SICK
LATELY.



ANYWAY,
I'M SURE
I'M BEING
A BOTHER.

MODELING'S
NOT HIS
THING, I
GUESS.





I KNOW
WHAT'S GOING
ON BETTER
THAN YOU
THINK.

WE'VE
KNOWN EACH
OTHER ALL
OUR LIVES.
MIGHTY NOT?



LOOK,
IF KADUNA
ISN'T INTO ART,
THERE'S NO
REASON FOR HIM
TO SHOW UP
AT ART CLUB.
IS THERE?

NOTHING.

BUT...

WHAT
ARE YOU
THINKING
ABOUT?

.....

Control art



I REALLY WANT
TO GET TO KNOW
HIM BETTER. AND
I REALLY WANT
TO DEATH HIM.



YAGASHI,
YOU'VE ALWAYS
BEEN SO SURE
OF YOURSELF.
THIS IS A SIDE
OF YOU I'VE
NEVER SEEN.

GLAD I
CAN STILL
SURPRISE
YOU.



OKAY,
I'M
HEADING
OUT.

I'M
GONNA
LEAVE
YOU TO
IT.

YOU'RE
LEAVING
ME?













WHAT'S
THE
POINT,
THEN?



YOU
MIGHT
AS WELL
LEAVE



YAGASHI,
I--
I--



HUR?

WELL,
I CAN'T
FINISH THIS
TODAY



WHAT
IS IT,
THEN?

LOOK, IT'S
NOT 'CAUSE
I DON'T LIKE
YOU. I DON'T
WANT YOU TO
HATE ME







AND TILL
NOW, I'D
NEVER MET
MY SISTER,
SO...

ARE GONE.
I NEVER HAD
CONTACT
WITH THEM.

FRIENDS OF
MY PARENTS
RAISED ME.
MY REAL
PARENTS...

ALL MY LIFE,
I THOUGHT I
WAS ALONE.



I UNDERSTAND
I'M SORRY

IT'S OKAY,
KADAMA.



WHY'RE YOU
STILL ACTING
SORE, THEN?











YAGASHI,
WAIT!

OKAY,
HERE
IT IS.



I'M NOT
GOTO YOU
LIKE THAT,
ALRIGHT?

E... UR...



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EXCUSE
ME

Physics Lab







THIS WON'T
TAKE LONG.

I JUST
WANT TO
TALK TO
YOU
OUTSIDE



WHAT'S
IT TO YOU?





WHAT DO
YOU WANT
WITH
ETO-KUN?



WHAT'S
THIS
ABOUT?



LOOK, I'M
GONNA CUT
RIGHT TO IT













WELL, IT'S
JUST

I KNOW
YOU'RE NEW
HERE. YOU
DON'T SEEM
TO KNOW
ANYBODY.
AND WELL

...PEOPLE THINK
YOU'RE COOL,
CHIDANA-SAN.
BUT I DON'T
I MEAN, I THINK
YOU'RE REALLY
COOL.

WHAT
DO YOU
WANT?

SORRY,
A-ARE
YOU GOING
HOME?

I HADN'T IN
CLAPS TODAY
AND WANTED TO
ASK IF I COULD
BORROW YOUR
NOTES...

SPARE ME
THE SWEET
TALK, SUGAR.













*How can I
even hope
to patch
things up
with her?*



*I'm a
danger
to her*



*I feel like
I'm being
pulled
deeper
into this
darkness*





Can't
fight
it



It's
pulling
me in

So strong
this time.





WHEN IT'S
TOO MUCH
TO BEAR,
DRINK IT



Maybe
I'll
go
away

Go
where
nobody
can
find
me



If I
drink
that...

...will
my
urges
go
away?





Longido
what?

It's
the
diamond



WHAT'S
HAPPENING
TO ME?



KAZUHA?





YOU FOOL

YOU!
HOW DID YOU
FIND ME?

YOU DIDN'T
PRINK THE
SERUM?



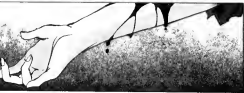
SCARED IF
I PRINK IT...
I'LL BE GIVING
IN TO THESE
DEMONS...

I'M...
SCARED



IF I PRINK IT,
THE DISEASE
WILL WIN...
AND I'LL LOSE
MYSELF TO IT
FOREVER









GO ON.
PRINK IT.

WHY DID
YOU...?



DON'T BE
SCARED OF
THE FALL
YOU'RE NOT
ALONE
I'M FALLING
WITH YOU

DON'T BE
SCARED
ANYMORE.
KADARA





YOU WANT
TO BE WITH
ME, DON'T
YOU?

SO GIVE IN



COME HERE,
KAZUNA.



YOU
BELONGS
TO ME...

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My strange new disease continues to torture me. I have a hunger for blood that is growing insatiable. I am forced to walk down a dangerous path, and I fear I will not be able to return. Perhaps Chigusa is right. Maybe I should just succumb—let these dark feelings wash over me like the high tide.

But then what will I become? Even as I write these words, no one is safe around me. Especially Yaguchi. I'm compelled to tell Yaguchi the truth; instead, I push her away. It's hopeless. Our feelings for each other can never be consummated. And as I drift further from the girl I love, it is with a heavy foreboding that I find myself slowly drawn toward a girl who terrifies me—my own sister.

No one but Chigusa knows the pain in my tainted soul. Uncle Shin and Natsumi don't really know me. I'm nothing but a burden to them. I should just move out and leave them be. I must accept that Chigusa is now my only hope for survival. She and I are like lonely hungry stars in an empty universe. Unseen forces hold us together, and our fate is frighteningly intertwined.